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SUBJECT: TALK WITH VP MUBARAK ON DIRECT EGYPTIAN  
APPROACHES TO GODE DONORS

1. WHEN MEETING WITH ACTING PRESIDENT MUBARAK, JULY 12, I MENTIONED TO HIM THE UPCOMING GODE MEETING. (AT THE TIME I STILL THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ON JULY 15, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED IT TOOK PLACE JULY 12.) I NOTED THAT THE ARAB PARTICIPANTS AT THE RECENT CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING IN PARIS HAD INDICATED A WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT, BUT THAT NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS HAD BEEN MADE. IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST GOE, WE HAD INSTRUCTED OUR AMBASSADORS TO SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, QATAR AND THE UAE AGAIN TO URGE THESE GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE REST OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR AND NEXT YEAR BASED ON THE ESTIMATE OF THE UNCOVERED DEFICIT MENTIONED BY THE IMF/IBRD AT THE CG MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHES, SEVERAL OF THE GOVERNMENTS HAD

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NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT EGYPTIAN APPROACH TO THEM ABOUT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

2. I RECALLED WE HAD SOME MONTHS AGO DISCUSSED THE DESIRABILITY OF AN EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC MINISTER MAKING THE ROUNDS OF THE GODE STATES TO DISCUSS WITH THEM EGYPT'S NEEDS. TO BEST MY KNOWLEDGE, APART FROM SAUDI ARABIA,

THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE. AS A RESULT, WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE AWKWARD SITUATION OF MAKING DEMARCHES TO THESE GOVERNMENTS IN EGYPT'S BEHALF WHEN GOE HAS NOT DONE SO. I WISHED TO REPEAT MY EARLIER PERSONAL SUGGESTION TO HIM THAT GOE REVIEW THIS MATTER AND SEND PERHAPS MINECON HAMED EL SAYEH TO THE GODE DONOR STATES ASAP FOR DIRECT DISCUSSIONS ON EGYPT'S ECONOMIC AID REQUIREMENTS. (UNFORTUNATELY, EL SAYEH IS CURRENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND WILL NOT BE BACK FOR ANOTHER TEN DAYS OR SO.)

3. MUBARAK, WHO IS NOT PARTICULARLY WELL VERSED ON EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC SITUATION, NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED EGYPT'S ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS WITH PRINCE FAHD AND HAD OBTAINED A COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR CONTINUED SAUDI ASSISTANCE. FAHD HAD NOTED THAT IT IS THE KUWAITIS, AND ESPECIALLY ATEEQI, WHO IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT WHEN IT COMES TO GODE ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING TO MUBARAK, FAHD HAD ADVISED HIM NOT TO VISIT KUWAIT AND TO LET THE SAUDIS HANDLE THE KUWAITIS. HENCE, MUBARAK CLAIMED, NO DIRECT EGYPTIAN APPROACHES TO THE OTHER GODE DONORS HAVE BEEN MADE.

4. MUBARAK PERSONALLY AGREED THAT A DIRECT EGYPTIAN APPROACH MIGHT BE USEFUL. HE UNDERTOOK TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH SADAT AND PRIMIN MAMDUH SALEM WHEN THE PRESIDENT RETURNS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT

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SADAT MIGHT BE WILLING TO SEND MINECON TO ABU DHABI AND DOHA, BUT WOULD PROBABLY BE RELUCTANT TO SEND HIM TO KUWAIT. EGYPTIANS, HE NOTED, ARE SICK AND TIRED OF HEARING ATEEQI'S TIRADES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IF MINECON VISITS QATAR AND THE UAE, THE KUWAITIS ARE LIKELY TO NOTICE THAT THEY WERE OMITTED FROM THE ITINERARY AND TAKE OFFENSE. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE MUSED, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER SIMPLY TO LET THE SAUDIS HANDLE THE KUWAITIS ON GODE MATTERS. HE NOTED THAT PRINCE FAHD IS EXPECTED TO VISIT EGYPT THIS COMING WEEKEND AND SAID HE WILL SUGGEST TO SADAT THAT THE PRESIDENT AGAIN SOUND OUT FAHD ABOUT THE LATTER'S CURRENT THINKING ON SENDING EGYPTIAN MINECON TO THE GULF STATES.

5. MUBARAK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS ON EGYPT'S BEHALF. EILTS

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